

# BIBLE VIRTUES

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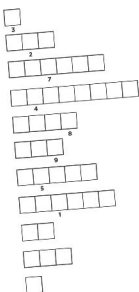
### FAIRNESS/JUSTICE Worksheet

#### AT-A-GLANCE

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### FAITH

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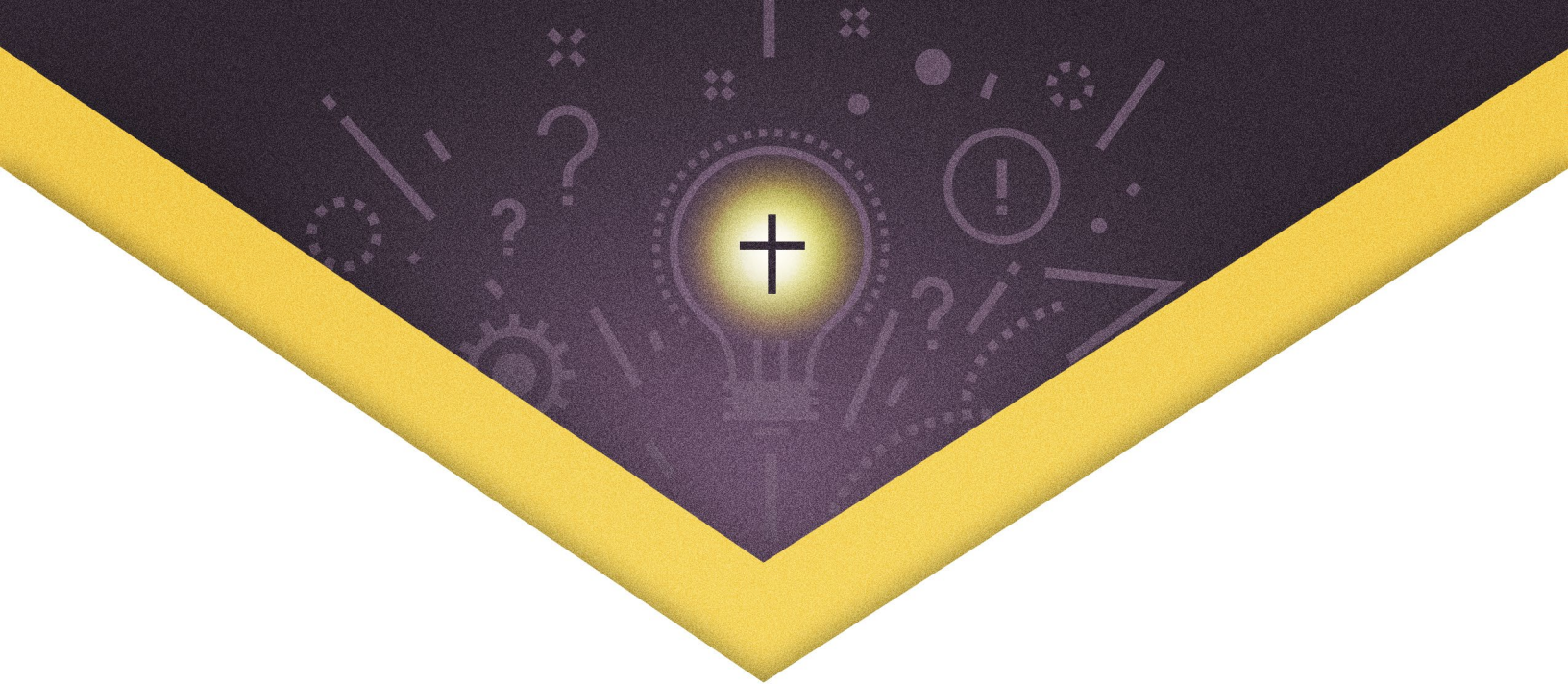
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commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."  
— Joshua 1:7

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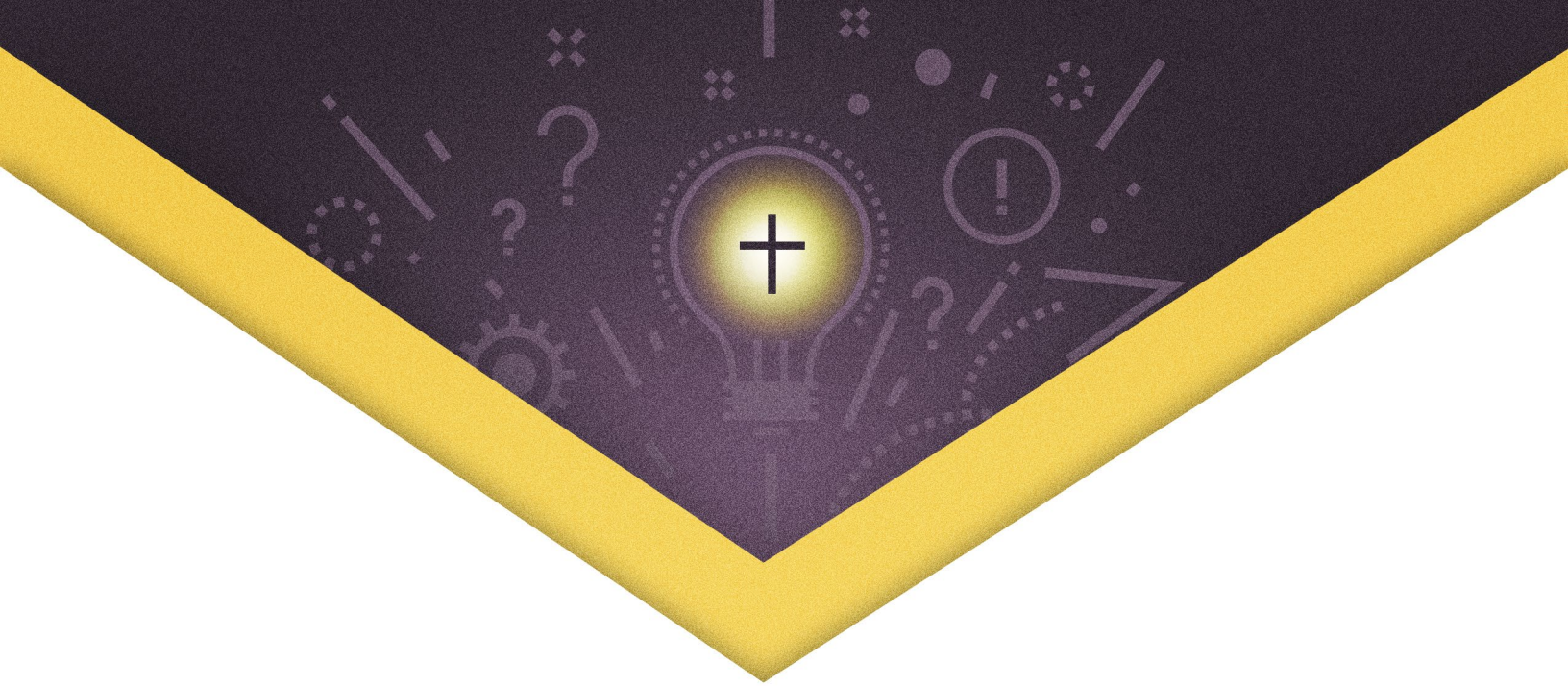
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**What does the Bible say about faith? Persistence? Worry? Being a good friend?** What Bible stories best illustrate the Christian traits we want children to develop, and where are they located in the Bible? What are the best scriptures that speak on the subject? And finally, what messages about it are most valuable for kids? Bible Virtues At-a-Glance are a plethora of wealth with many uses-and all subjects come with worksheets to help kids reflect and learn. The series is a definite staple for any teacher's learning library.

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to *Bible Virtues At-a-Glance*, another exciting addition to our At-a-Glance Library to make both teaching and learning the Word of God easier by far!

This series contains 20 of the most popular topics, or subjects, teachers like to share with children-and a plethora of information about each! Subjects include faith, generosity, humility, love, worry, fear, and many others. It takes you by the hand to help you get a nice overview what the Bible says about each.

### What on Each Sheet

Each sheet provides similar information on each subject:

**The first time the subject appears in the Bible, as well as the last time:** It's fun to see how a word evolves over the 4,000 years in which the Bible was written. Faith and love, for example were more greatly emphasized in the New Testament, however the path was laid from the very beginning! Some subjects may have been mentioned earlier or later, but you'll be getting the first and last definitive mentions of the subject in the Bible.

**Most Noteworthy Bible Passages:** Three Old Testament scriptures and three from the New Testament give the most telling readings on each subject for children. A range of research was used, including a site listing most commonly-surfed verses and subjects, as well as concordances and topical Bibles.



**What God wants children to know about each subject** delves briefly into how each subject is important to everyday living, as well as how each can be misunderstood.

**Stories and passages showing this subject** will tell you what Bible passages best exemplify each subject, including Old Testament hero stories, the parables of Jesus, and more. You will be given chapters and verses to help you find them.

**Student worksheets** on each subject are designed to do one of several things: Some require the children work or play with the words in a verse, such that at the end they will likely know it! Others will get children to reflect on the overview of what the subject means to them. Coloring pages complete with verses and other drawing activities accomplish that well. Word searches will help children understand the meaning of either hard subjects like “perseverance,” and many expose them to several scriptures instead of just one.

## Ways to Use this Package

There are so many ways to use Bible Virtues At-a-Glance, and here are just some:

**If you realize your students collectively need help with one or more subjects,** simply work with a cheat sheet and worksheet to get them understand much more about it.

**If you want to do a series on Christian virtues, the Cheat Sheet subjects run parallel to the most well-known ones!** Use the cheat sheets to find all the verses and themes you’ll need. Use the worksheets for reinforcements.

**Teach Bible stories in enlightening new ways:** Regardless of what you are teaching, these Bible subjects can shed more light on characters and situations. Use our index to find out on what sheets your Bible stories are covered.

**Use for series interludes or for help on a slow day.** Students can play games with the Bible verses, have lookup relays, or hold general discussions on what situations in their lives will benefit by the subject. The wealth of scriptures will prepare them for the week and for the distant future as well!

## What’s Most Important

A series like Bible Virtues At-a-Glance will help children understand what the Bible says that’s most important about the most common subjects on which the Bible speaks. The series will have a special way of speaking to everyone, regardless of the challenges children face at home, in school, or in their spiritual walks with God.





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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING FAITH:

Hebrews 11 mentions all the foremost Old Testament stories about Bible heroes’ faith, including Abel, Enoch, Abraham, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. Almost all heroes in the Old Testament became heroes by exercising faith.



# FAITH

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE



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## WORD BANK

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# GENEROSITY

## AT-A-GLANCE

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Deuteronomy 15:10: Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

1 Timothy 6:18: Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Proverbs 11:25:** A **generous** person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
- **Psalms 37:21:** The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give **generously**;
- **Psalms 112:5:** Good will come to those who are **generous** and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Luke 11:41:** But now as for what is inside you—be **generous** to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.
- **2 Corinthians 9:6:** Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap **generously**.
- **Romans 12:8:** if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give **generously**; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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#### God's Important Messages about Generosity:

Both Testaments encourage generosity and sharing, especially among brethren. Jesus upped the ante for Christians by declaring it good to “Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.” (Luke 6:30)

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#### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING GENEROSITY:

- The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
- Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (Luke 19:1-9)
- The Widow's Offering (Luke 21:1-4)



# GENEROSITY

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE



It helps to know proper English! The more you can understand when you read, the more you can put to use in your faith and choices! Spell out the right part of speech for the word **GENEROUS** in each blank.

- Generosity - **NOUN**
- Generously - **ADVERB**
- Generous - **ADJECTIVE**

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# HUMILITY

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Exodus 10:3: So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, “This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, so that they may worship me.’”

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

1 Peter 5:6: Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Numbers 12:3:** Now Moses was a very **humble** man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.
- **2 Samuel 22:28:** You save the **humble**, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them low.
- **Job 8:7:** Your beginnings will seem **humble**, so prosperous will your future be.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Philippians 2:8:** And being found in appearance as a man, he **humiliated** himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!
- **James 4:6:** But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the **humble**.”
- **James 1:9:** Believers in **humble** circumstances ought to take pride in their high position.

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#### God’s Important Messages about Humility:

Humility is actually a strength in God’s eyes, whereas pride is a weakness. We should learn that when we feel humble, we are actually closest to his strength. When we feel like we have less than others, we actually have more in his eyes.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING HUMILITY:

- Jesus condemns the Pharisees (Matthew 23:1-38)
- John the Baptist describes himself compared to Jesus (John 3:26-30)
- King Nebuchadnezzar admits the God of Israel is great and real (Daniel 4:28-37)



# HUMILITY

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE

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The Red Sea parts.

# TRUTHFULNESS/ HONESTY

## AT-A-GLANCE

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Psalms 15:2: The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the **truth** from their heart;

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

3 John 1:4: I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the **truth**.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Proverbs 12:19:** Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.
- **Proverbs 14:25:** A **truthful** witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.
- **Proverbs 22:21:** teaching you to be honest and to speak the truth, so that you bring back **truthful** reports to those you serve?

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **John 8:32:** Then you will know the **truth**, and the **truth** will set you free.
- **John 1:17:** For the law was given through Moses; grace and **truth** came through Jesus Christ.
- **John 14:6:** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the **truth** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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#### God's Important Messages about Truthfulness/Honesty:

We should believe in Jesus, not because it feels good or because we've been taught a tradition. The strongest believers are those who have come to believe that the death and resurrection of Jesus are true. Telling the truth is important because anything that is founded on a lie or includes a lie will topple under pressure.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING TRUTHFULNESS/HONESTY:

- The conversion of Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (Luke 19:1-10)
- The story of Ananias and Sapphira (A married couple sold their land and gave the proceeds to the disciples - only they didn't give all of the money. They lied...they died.) (Acts 5:1-11)



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# COMPASSION/ EMPATHY

## AT-A-GLANCE

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Exodus 22:27: because that cloak is the only covering your neighbor has. What else can they sleep in? When they cry out to me, I will hear, for I am **compassionate**.

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

1 Peter 3:8: Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be **compassionate** and humble.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Lamentations 3:22:** Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his **compassions** never fail.
- **Exodus 34:6:** And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the **compassionate** and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,
- **Psalms 86:15:** But you, Lord, are a **compassionate** and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Matthew 14:14:** When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had **compassion** on them and healed their sick.
- **Ephesians 4:32:** Be kind and **compassionate** to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- **Colossians 3:12:** Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with **compassion**, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

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#### God's Important Messages about Compassion/Empathy:

To have compassion or empathy means to put yourself in another person's shoes. Children can do this well by playing make-pretend games and asking them how different things feel. Compassion and empathy go hand-in-hand with the Golden Rule.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING COMPASSION/EMPATHY:

- The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
- Jonah Preaches to Nineveh (God has compassion on Nineveh which surprises Jonah.) (Jonah 4)



# COMPASSION/EMPATHY

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE



Find the words that have to do with EMPATHY in the word search below. Empathy means being able to put yourself in the other guy's shoes.

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COMPASSION  
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Name three people or groups for whom you feel empathy:

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Will you pray for them tonight? Y / N

# FAIRNESS/JUSTICE

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Exodus 23:2: “Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert **justice** by siding with the crowd,

### LAST

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Revelation 19:11: I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With **justice** he judges and wages war.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Leviticus 19:15:** “Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor **fairly**.
- **Proverbs 2:9:** Then you will understand what is right and just and **fair**—every good path.
- **Isaiah 1:17:** Learn to do right; seek **justice**. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Matthew 23:23:** “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—**justice**, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.
- **Luke 18:7:** And will not God bring about **justice** for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?
- **John 7:51:** “Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?”

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#### God’s Important Messages about Fairness/Justice:

The most important behaviors that impede justice among children have to do with them observing the outer person rather than looking for the inner one. They may show favoritism to people with a certain appearance or set of belongings. God wants them to look with their hearts.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING FAIRNESS/JUSTICE:

- The Story of Esther, where the evil Haman was hung on the killing device he set up for the Jews (Esther 7)
- Parable of the Workers (Matthew 20:1-16)
- Parable of the Persistent Widow who got justice through persistence (Luke



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# FRIENDSHIP/ FRIENDLINESS

## AT-A-GLANCE

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Genesis 34:21: "These men are **friendly** toward us," they said. "Let them live in our land and trade in it; the land has plenty of room for them. We can marry their daughters and they can marry ours."

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

James 4:4: You adulterous people, don't you know that **friendship** with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a **friend** of the world becomes an enemy of God.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Proverbs 11:13:** A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.
- **Proverbs 17:17:** A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.
- **Proverbs 27:17:** As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **1 Thessalonians 5:11:** Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
- **1 Corinthians 15:33:** Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."
- **John 15:13:** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

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#### God's Important Messages about Friendship/Friendliness:

Some of God's encouragements concern choosing friends wisely, not betraying friends by gossiping or revealing secrets, and picking friends with whom you can both be truthful and supported. Children are more often interested in gaining friends than in being a good friend; though the opposite can be taught.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING FRIENDSHIP/FRIENDLINESS:

- Parable of the friend at midnight (Luke 11:5-11)
- The Unforgiving Servant (to show hypocrisy and lack of friendship) (Matthew 18:21-35)
- Jonathan and David's friendship (1 Samuel 18:1-4)

# FRIENDSHIP/FRIENDLINESS Worksheet

## AT-A-GLANCE



Write **OT** on the beginning line if the book is in the Old Testament. Write **NT** on the line if the book is in the New Testament. Then fill in the blanks to make each passage read correctly. Counting the letters helps!

\_\_\_ James 4:4 -- You adulterous people, don't you know that  
\_\_\_\_\_ with the world means enmity against God?

\_\_\_ Proverbs 27:17 -- As \_\_\_\_\_ sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

\_\_\_ Proverbs 11:13 -- A gossip \_\_\_\_\_ a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.

\_\_\_ 1 Thessalonians 5:11 -- Therefore encourage one another and  
\_\_\_\_\_ each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

\_\_\_ 1 Corinthians 15:33 -- Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good  
\_\_\_\_\_."

\_\_\_ John 15:13 -- Greater \_\_\_\_\_ has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

## WORD BANK

character      betrays      build  
friendship      iron      love



# OPTIMISM

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Deuteronomy 31:6: Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

Revelation 21:4: 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Joshua 1:9:** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
- **Jeremiah 29:11:** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
- **Psalms 31:24:** Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Romans 8:28:** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
- **Philippians 4:13:** I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
- **John 14:27:** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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#### God's Important Messages about Optimism:

It is great to be optimistic, so long as our optimism rests in God and not in our own strengths, and as long as we are pursuing his will with belief that he will help us. Our country is starting to become wise to messages like "you can achieve anything you set your mind to." In truth, we only need to achieve one thing to be successful, and that is his will. And that is where we will find the most joy.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING OPTIMISM:

- Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31-32)
- Parable of the Pearl (Matthew 13:45-46)
- Parable of the Persistent Widow (Luke 18:1-8)

# OPTIMISM

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE

**“All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.” 1 Samuel 17:47**  
—An Optimistic Young David slays Goliath



David fought Goliath with three flat stones and a slingshot.

# GRATITUDE/ THANKFULNESS

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

1 Chronicles 16:34: Give **thanks** to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

Revelation 11:17: saying: "We give **thanks** to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Psalms 118:24:** The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.
- **Psalms 136:1:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
- **Psalms 105:1:** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **1 Thessalonians 5:18:** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- **Ephesians 5:20:** Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
- **Philippians 4:6:** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

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#### God's Important Messages about Gratitude/Thankfulness:

When people receive a thank you and some true gratitude for something they have done, they want to do more. To thank people is to empower them. A similar principle holds true with God. If you remember to thank him, he feels good about it.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING GRATITUDE/THANKFULNESS:

- Jesus healing the 10 lepers, and only one was grateful enough to come back (Luke 17:11-19)
- Abraham built two altars out of gratitude. They are in Genesis 12:6-8 and Genesis 13:17-18
- Jehoshaphat, King of Judah, showed thanks after defeating huge armies. (2 Chronicles 20)
- Exodus 14 is the Parting of the Red Sea, and the Song of Miriam, which they wrote out of gratitude, is in Exodus 15.



# GRATITUDE/THANKFULNESS Worksheet

## AT-A-GLANCE



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\_\_\_ Philippians 4:6 -- Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and \_\_\_\_\_, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

## WORD BANK

petition      thanks      power  
love      forever      Lord

# PRAYERFULNESS

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Genesis 24:12: Then he **prayed**, “Lord, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

Revelation 8:4: The smoke of the incense, together with the **prayers** of God’s people, went up before God from the angel’s hand

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Psalm 5:3:** In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.
- **Psalm 42:8:** By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.
- **Psalm 116:2:** Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **1 Thessalonians 5:17:** pray without ceasing
- **Matthew 6:5:** And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.
- **Hebrews 11:6:** And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

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#### God’s Important Messages about Prayerfulness:

Prayer involves speaking and listening. Prayer is more than a list of requests; it is conversation with God; use the Lord’s Prayer as a spine or outline.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING PRAYERFULNESS:

- The Lord’s Prayer is in Matthew 6:9-13 and is great to show that the disciples also had questions about prayer.
- Parable of the Persistent widow is in Luke 18:1-8.
- Jesus’ final prayer before the Last Supper shows a great example of him and God speaking (John 17)



# PRAYERFULNESS

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE



Find the words that have to do with prayerfulness in the word search below.

Q	V	U	C	W	T	D	J	I	V	V	E	S	F	L
B	W	X	A	O	P	L	E	A	D	I	N	G	M	Y
L	W	G	G	R	T	L	N	B	A	X	H	P	S	G
I	I	B	K	S	J	A	O	B	G	T	A	E	I	R
T	M	P	H	H	B	M	I	Z	I	B	A	T	N	A
F	D	H	V	I	Q	K	T	F	C	Q	T	I	V	C
Z	E	I	Y	P	H	F	O	V	O	J	L	T	O	E
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N	C	J	L	D	F	X	E	M	M	O	A	O	A	A
Z	H	B	C	O	P	A	D	X	U	X	V	N	T	M
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X	L	L	A	L	Q	V	H	F	O	U	P	F	N	F
C	P	N	C	Z	N	Z	L	I	N	R	K	Q	J	O
U	J	C	W	R	R	G	A	P	P	E	A	L	A	Z

APPEAL  
 PLEA  
 INVOCATION  
 WORSHIP  
 DEVOTION  
 COMMUNION  
 GRACE  
 PETITION  
 PLEADING  
 FELLOWSHIP

Name 3 people you will pray for tonight:

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Name 3 things you will thank God for tonight:

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# DISCERNMENT/ WISDOM

## AT-A-GLANCE

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#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Deuteronomy 4:6: Observe [the laws] carefully, for this will show your **wisdom** and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a **wise** and understanding people."

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

Revelation 17:9: "This calls for a mind with **wisdom**. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits."

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **1 Kings 3:9:** Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"
- **Proverbs 2:3-5:** indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.
- **Proverbs 18:15:** The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Hebrews 4:12:** For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
- **Matthew 10:16:** "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."
- **James 1:5:** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

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#### God's Important Messages about Discernment/Wisdom:

Discernment means being able to tell good from bad. Children should be practicing discernment in choosing friends, following others, and making life choices. Children do not often consider consequences of actions. Prayers for discernment will help build strong conscience.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING DISCERNMENT/WISDOM:

- Solomon prays for wisdom above money and long life (1 Kings 3:5-15)
- Solomon discerns who the mother of the baby really is (1 Kings 3:16-28)
- Eve fails to discern that the serpent is not a friend (Genesis 3)

# DISCERNMENT / WISDOM

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE



Find the words that have to do with wisdom in the word search below.

Z	K	G	N	I	K	E	E	S	H	I	M	C	V	F
X	N	Y	D	B	W	U	V	I	S	L	O	A	L	M
F	O	K	H	U	S	I	J	N	T	F	D	B	T	Y
P	W	S	X	U	S	Y	S	T	Z	H	S	H	R	Q
W	L	H	X	I	S	Y	Q	E	D	U	I	O	J	O
W	E	R	O	G	C	E	R	L	T	N	W	U	N	E
U	D	N	T	I	P	L	C	L	K	A	J	H	J	X
N	G	X	Y	I	T	I	R	I	P	S	M	M	M	G
C	E	R	U	N	Z	Q	N	G	O	E	O	B	X	N
E	F	G	U	S	C	G	P	E	U	H	G	U	Q	I
L	B	V	G	T	I	L	R	N	E	Z	C	T	M	D
V	J	U	C	I	R	Y	A	C	Q	Y	B	Y	V	N
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E	M	A	X	C	K	B	E	N	M	B	L	L	K	F
H	D	X	T	T	U	C	R	R	S	U	F	P	D	R

WISDOM  
KNOWLEDGE  
SEEKING  
PRAYER  
FINDING  
VISION  
SPIRIT  
CHOICES  
INTELLIGENCE  
INSTINCT  
THINKING

### Spell it out!

dis·cern·ment — (deh-SERN-ment)

-- the ability to judge well.

"He had an astonishing lack of

\_\_\_\_\_.

# HOPE

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Ruth 1:12: Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still **hope** for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons.

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

1 John 3:3: All who have this **hope** in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Jeremiah 29:11:** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
- **Psalms 42:11:** Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.
- **Isaiah 40:31:** But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Romans 5:5:** And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.
- **Ephesians 4:4:** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called.
- **1 Corinthians 2:9:** "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

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#### God's Important Messages about Hope:

Children can put a great deal of hope in God's help, God's future, God's rescues, etc., but they need to be taught. Once taught, it is great fun to watch them hope because their imaginations are much stronger than adults', and they have far less difficulty imagining things they are hoping for.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING HOPE:

- In Genesis 6, Noah builds the ark out of hope for his family's future.
- Abraham built two altars based on a promise from God, in Genesis 12:8 and 13:4, because of the hope he had in God's word.
- David gave God his promise to build a temple. Though it was not completed in his lifetime, he had hope in his son Solomon. His prayer is in 2 Samuel 7.
- Some great Psalms of hope include Psalms 30, 31, 39 and 42.
- Pentecost is a great story of hope in the future and hope coming to fruition. Located in Acts 2, it tells of the disciples gaining the great understanding promised to them, but also looking into a future of uncertainty but with the promised hope of the Kingdom of Heaven.



# HOPE

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE



There are 29 words in Jeremiah 29:11, a famous scripture of HOPE. Look it up in the NIV. Number the words in order of how they appear, starting with the verse's first word, and giving it the number 1, and so on. (Hint: Careful! This scripture is very repetitious! Keep the repeated words in order too.)

#### Jeremiah 29:11—

__a, <sup>1st</sup>	__have	__prosper
__and, <sup>1st</sup>	__hope	__the, <sup>1st</sup>
__and, <sup>2nd</sup>	__I, <sup>1st</sup>	__the, <sup>2nd</sup>
__declares	__I, <sup>2nd</sup>	__to, <sup>1st</sup>
__for, <sup>1st</sup>	__know	__to, <sup>2nd</sup>
__for, <sup>2nd</sup>	__Lord,	__to, <sup>3rd</sup>
__for, <sup>3rd</sup>	__not	__you, <sup>1st</sup>
__future	__plans, <sup>1st</sup>	__you, <sup>2nd</sup>
__give	__plans, <sup>2nd</sup>	__you, <sup>3rd</sup>
__harm	__plans, <sup>3rd</sup>	__you <sup>4th</sup>

Now, close Your Bible and try to write out the scripture using only the numbers in order from 1 to 29:

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# HOPE

## Answer Sheet

### AT-A-GLANCE



For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

#### Jeremiah 29:11—

28__a, <sup>1st</sup>	7__ have	15__ prosper
17__and, <sup>1st</sup>	26__hope	4__ the, <sup>1st</sup>
27__and, <sup>2nd</sup>	2__ I, <sup>1st</sup>	11__ the, <sup>2nd</sup>
10__ declares	6__ I, <sup>2nd</sup>	14__ to
1__ for, <sup>1st</sup>	3__know	19__ to
8__ for, <sup>2nd</sup>	12__ Lord,	23__ to
29__ future	18__not	9__ you, <sup>1st</sup>
24__ give	5__ plans, <sup>1st</sup>	16__ you, <sup>2nd</sup>
20__ harm	13__ plans, <sup>2nd</sup>	21__ you, <sup>3rd</sup>
	22__ plans,	25__ you, <sup>4th</sup>



## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Genesis 20:13: And when God had me wander from my father's household, I said to her, 'This is how you can show your **love** to me: Everywhere we go, say of me, "He is my brother."

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

Revelation 22:15: Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who **loves** and practices falsehood.

## THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Proverbs 3:3-4:** Let Love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.
- **Genesis 20:13:** And when God had me wander from my father's household, I said to her, 'This is how you can show your Love to me: Everywhere we go, say of me, "He is my brother."
- **Psalms 17:7:** Show me the wonders of your great Love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.

## THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Matthew 22:37-39:** Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'
- **Luke 6:32:** If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. Change in the subject's nature from the Old and New Testament:
- **John 3:16:** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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### God's Important Messages about Love:

God does not ever stop loving his children. He may be disappointed and correct them but he will never desert or forsake his children.

God's love is bigger and better than our human love. Our love only wants to extend itself to those we find easy to love, like family members and friends. God's love will extend to those who are not easy to love and who are not acting loving toward us.

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## BIBLE STORIES SHOWING LOVE:

- Luke 15 is a great resource for God's Love, containing both the Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-7), The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). The Parable of the Lost Coin, a lesser known parable about God's love, falls between the two (Luke 15:8-10).
- Of course the ultimate story of love is Jesus' death on the cross. However, the explanations provided are in other passages that aren't imbedded in the story. John 3 contains not only the "God so loved the world" famous verse (16) but many others that bring understanding about the depths of God's love.



# LOVE

## Worksheet

AT-A-GLANCE



JESUS-MATTHEW 19:14

Jesus loved children and told his disciples to,  
"Let the children come unto Me."

# WORRY

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

1 Samuel 9:5: When they reached the district of Zuph, Saul said to the servant who was with him, "Come, let's go back, or my father will stop thinking about the donkeys and start worrying about us."

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

Luke 21:14: But make up your mind not to **worry** beforehand how you will defend yourselves.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Proverbs 3:5-6:** Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
- **Ecclesiastes 2:22:** What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun?
- **Psalms 139:23:** Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Matthew 6:25:** Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?
- **Mark 13:11:** Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.
- **Luke 12:25:** Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?

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#### God's Important Messages about Worry:

Children tend to worry more than adults realize. Because they don't often understand the boundaries of reality, they are often afraid of more things than they need be. Comforting words from Jesus and God can likewise be more healing to them than adults realize. Words of divine protection, comfort and security will not go back void.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING WORRY:

- In Exodus 3 and 4, we see Moses giving God a list of reasons why he should not be the one to go to Pharaoh. He was worried that he wasn't a good public speaker, he was worried about his past. God knew that Moses would lead the Israelites out of captivity. All Moses had to do was believe and go.
- In Matthew 6, Jesus has exacting words about why we should cease to worry in verses 25-34.
- Deborah's instant and easy agreement to go into battle with her commander shows a great example of faith over fear in Judges 4. Deborah's whole story is the chapter and is grand.

# WORRY

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE



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\_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_ Luke 12:25 -- Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your \ \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_ Ecclesiastes 2:22 -- What do people get for all the toil and \_\_\_\_\_ striving with which they labor under the sun?

\_\_\_ Psalm 139:23-- Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_ Matthew 6:25-- Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than \_\_\_\_\_?

## WORD BANK

thoughts Holy Spirit life  
straight clothes anxious



# PERSEVERANCE

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Romans 5:3: Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces **perseverance**;

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

Revelation 2:19: I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and **perseverance**, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **2 Kings 18:6:** For he clung to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses.
- **Job 23:11:** "My foot has held fast to His path; I have kept His way and not turned aside.
- **Job 27:6:** "I hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go. My heart does not reproach any of my days.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Romans 5:3-4:** Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.
- **2 Thessalonians 1:4:** Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.
- **James 1:4:** Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

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#### God's Important Messages about Perseverance:

Children who learn determination and perseverance will have an easier time throughout their schooling. Schooling is a great training ground for adult faith and the perseverance needed.

We all need perseverance, because God allows everyone to go through periods of testing, waiting, and not knowing. It is a big part of building faith. When children come into tough periods, they should decide whether these could, in fact, be tests of either faith or endurance, through which they need to persevere.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING PERSERVERANCE:

- 2 Corinthians 4 describes the challenges that Paul faced in his ministry and how he persevered. Paul is an excellent example of perseverance because he was stoned, imprisoned for his faith, and persecuted in many other ways.
- Joshua 10 & 11 show the great perseverance of Joshua's army. After being stalled out in the desert for 40 years, Israel had to go out in battle and earn their future land. Joshua defeated 31 kings or kingdoms according to these chapters.
- Noah had to build the ark over a long period—when he had not seen rain. (Genesis 6-7)



# PERSEVERANCE

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE



Find the words that have to do with perseverance in the word search below.

P	N	Q	Y	S	J	Y	Q	R	U	T	J	O	G	G
D	R	E	A	M	E	R	S	T	R	I	V	I	N	G
Z	E	A	S	O	A	T	X	S	K	G	I	X	A	P
N	T	R	Y	A	E	Q	X	T	C	N	I	L	O	E
J	U	B	O	I	H	A	S	U	I	I	F	D	I	R
X	R	M	M	V	N	B	K	B	D	R	J	T	O	S
W	N	M	M	M	R	G	L	B	D	E	P	N	N	I
S	I	M	H	E	Z	Q	F	O	F	F	I	P	L	S
E	N	G	N	H	D	X	E	R	E	F	S	M	M	T
I	G	N	S	T	G	E	T	N	F	U	O	K	R	E
P	I	K	J	H	O	P	I	N	G	S	V	Y	A	N
W	Y	B	L	D	O	O	K	E	E	G	I	S	R	C
Y	P	R	H	B	F	H	X	S	A	N	S	M	A	E
A	X	V	P	K	D	H	X	S	G	O	N	X	H	B
D	O	E	K	U	X	A	P	L	I	L	L	G	R	Z

PERSISTENCE  
STRIVING  
TRYING  
HOPING  
RETURNING  
STUBBORNNESS  
HOPE  
PRAYING  
WINNER  
LONGSUFFERING  
DREAMER

### Spell it out!

per·se·ver·ance (per-suh-VEER-ans)

— staying with a task in spite of difficulty or delay in achieving success.

"His \_\_\_\_\_ with learning a new language showed many that he was not a quitter."

# COURAGE

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Deuteronomy 31:6: Be strong and **courageous**. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

Philippians 1:20: I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient **courage** so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Joshua 1:7:** Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.
- **Deuteronomy 31:7:** Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance.
- **2 Samuel 7:27:** Lord Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, 'I will build a house for you.' So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Mark 6:50:** because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
- **Acts 4:13:** When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.
- **1 Corinthians 16:13:** Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

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#### God's Important Messages about Courage:

We are very busy teaching children to be respectful and not bully or be aggressive. But we don't want messages of courage to be left behind. While we teach turning the other cheek, we must reassure that this and other peace gestures are not signs of weakness.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING COURAGE:

- The end of Deuteronomy and the book of Joshua tell the story of Joshua taking over for Moses. Joshua is a good example of courage because God led him into many situations which seemed impossible, like bringing down the walls of Jericho, but Joshua had courage and fulfilled his mission to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land!
- In Judges 7, Gideon took on a huge army with only 300 men as a tremendous show of courage and faith.



# COURAGE

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”  
— Joshua 1:7

Connect the Dots!



Joshua blew his horn to  
take down the walls of Jericho

# MERCY

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Genesis 43:14: And may God Almighty grant you **mercy** before the man so that he will let your other brother and Benjamin come back with you.

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

Jude 1:23: save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show **mercy**, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Exodus 33:19:** And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."
- **Psalms 51:1-2:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
- **Micah 7:18:** Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Hebrews 4:16:** Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
- **Matthew 9:13:** But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.
- **Ephesians 2:4-5:** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

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#### God's Important Messages about Mercy:

Mercy and justice are seen as types of opposites in the Bible. The Old Testament focuses on justice (an eye for an eye); however, Jesus changed the world with his messages of mercy (forgive 70 times seven times). Children will often try to seek justice on their own. Hence messages of "revenge is mine, says the Lord" should be given often.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING MERCY:

- 1 Samuel 24 tells the story of David sparing King Saul's life. Saul had been hunting David and trying to kill him for years. When David finally had the opportunity to kill Saul, he didn't.
- Joseph had profound mercy on his 10 brothers after they sold him into slavery. Years later when he recognized them, he gave them land and food and much of his kingdom. The story begins in Genesis 37 and threads through to the end of the book.

# MERCY

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE



Write **OT** on the beginning line if the book is in the Old Testament. Write **NT** on the line if the book is in the New Testament. Then fill in the blanks to make each passage read correctly. Counting the letters helps!

\_\_\_ Exodus 33:19-- And the LORD said... "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have \_\_\_ on whom I will have compassion."

\_\_\_ Matthew 9:13-- But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the \_\_\_, but sinners.

\_\_\_ Psalm 51:1-2-- Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my \_\_\_ and cleanse me from my sin.

\_\_\_ Ephesians 2:4-5 -- But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by \_\_\_ you have been saved.

\_\_\_ Micah 7:18 -- Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay \_\_\_ forever but delight to show mercy.

\_\_\_ Hebrews 4:16 -- Let us then approach God's throne of grace with \_\_\_

## WORD BANK

compassion   angry   iniquity   righteous  
confidence   grace



# ANGER

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Genesis 39:19: When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, “This is how your slave treated me,” he burned with **anger**.

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

James 1:20: because human **anger** does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Proverbs 15:1:** A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- **Micah 7:18:** Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.
- **Proverbs 14:29:** Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **1 Corinthians 13:4-5:** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
- **Matthew 9:13:** But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.
- **James 1:19:** My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

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#### God’s Important Messages about Anger:

Nearly all sins committed show some degree of emotions not being checked. A very important lesson for today is “faith first, facts second, and feelings third.” With the reduction of faith in our society, feelings are rising to almost become facts. And yet they are much more likely to lead us astray than faith or facts.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING ANGER:

- The classic example of anger gone awry is the Cain and Abel story found in Genesis 4.
- A second example is Moses murdering the Egyptian, for which he was banished to the desert for more than 40 years. (Exodus 2:11-14)
- Jonah 4 is a good example of the kind of anger Christians should avoid (as opposed to righteous anger). Jonah became angry with God because of his mercy toward the Ninevites. Jonah’s anger did not produce good fruit and, as we all know, did not send him in the right direction.



# ANGER

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE



Below is a very important scripture showing us how to handle anger. It is found in the end of James 1:19. Find out what it says to do by descrambling the puzzle. The word "to" is missing. Write it after the series of boxes where it goes!

NEYREEVO


UDSOLH


BE


CKQIU


TO

8 9

ILSETN,


SOLW


SAPKE


Color in the letters that spell "anger."

A

N

G

E

R

1	2	3

4	5	6	7

8	9

10	11	12	13	M	13		

1	15	G	16	17		

Have you been angry recently? Did you handle it well? Y/N?  
What could you have done or said differently? Write it below:

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# PATIENCE

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Proverbs 19:11: A person's wisdom yields **patience**; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

2 Peter 3:15: Bear in mind that our Lord's **patience** means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Proverbs 14:29:** Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.
- **Psalms 37:7:** Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.
- **Psalms 5:3:** In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **1 Corinthians 13:4-5:** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
- **Ephesians 4:2:** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
- **Romans 12:12:** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

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#### God's Important Messages about Patience:

Waiting is part of living. God generally takes longer to bring his will to fruition than we mortals think it will take. It may have been 100 years between God's first conversations with Noah and the actual Flood. Moses waited until he was 80 to begin the Exodus. David had to run, hide, and live in caves for many years before becoming king. Even Jesus had to wait 30 years before showing any miraculous powers and wisdom.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING PATIENCE:

- The book of Job is the perfect example for patience. It where we get the phrase “patience of Job” from! Job suffered many afflictions and refused to question God. In the end he was blessed with gifts beyond all that he lost, many times over!
- If patience were not critical, we would not be waiting 2,000 years for the return of the Messiah.





# PATIENCE

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE



Find the words that have to do with patience in the word search below.

A	G	W	D	L	B	M	H	E	G	W	H	F	H	T
A	G	P	W	I	M	J	V	N	A	R	N	L	O	G
N	I	G	P	R	A	Y	E	R	F	P	K	L	X	S
L	N	Y	T	I	L	I	M	U	H	C	E	H	Z	W
J	M	W	C	I	J	M	H	Y	O	R	O	E	C	P
E	Q	Q	V	D	B	D	J	O	A	R	Y	A	M	A
F	D	S	R	G	P	F	L	N	G	A	L	R	D	S
M	E	M	C	Y	U	N	C	G	O	M	N	T	D	S
Q	F	K	T	X	E	E	S	N	N	V	Z	R	T	I
C	B	P	C	S	Z	X	Y	E	A	X	I	W	F	V
P	A	X	S	K	T	W	S	K	D	J	A	V	C	E
J	O	J	S	S	T	S	H	D	I	L	E	N	W	N
B	I	I	R	Z	R	E	S	T	R	A	I	N	T	E
F	Q	U	S	T	J	M	J	J	K	L	W	O	L	S
F	X	G	J	E	L	O	V	E	B	J	N	W	O	S

HUMILITY  
POISE  
RESTRAINT  
PRAYER  
LOVE  
TOLERANCE  
CALMNESS  
PASSIVENESS  
COOLNESS  
HEART

### Patience (PAY-shens)

— the ability to tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.

Name three situations where you want more patience:

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# SELF-CONTROL/ DISCIPLINE

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Proverbs 16:32: Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city.

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

2 Peter 1:6: and to knowledge, **self-control**; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Proverbs 18:21:** The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.
- **Proverbs 25:28:** Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.
- **Proverbs 29:11:** Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **2 Timothy 1:7:** For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.
- **Galatians 5:22-23:** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
- **Romans 12:2:** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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#### God's Important Messages about Self-Control/Discipline:

The need for self-control starts almost as soon as a child can communicate. Lessons in self-control will prevent younger children from snatching and hitting, and older children from spreading gossip, succumbing to peer pressure, and lying. Self-control is the forerunner of most choices.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING SELF-CONTROL/DISCIPLINE:

- Luke 4:1-13 tells the story of Jesus in the wilderness. This is a good example of self-control because Jesus knew that God would meet his needs but still felt tempted by human desires. The fact that he stood up to the devil when the devil tried to tempt him stands as proof of his faith and self-control.
- Cain showed a lack of self-control in killing Abel in Genesis 4.
- Jonah showed a lack of self-control in disobeying God in Jonah 1-2.



# SELF-CONTROL/DISCIPLINE

## Worksheet

### AT-A-GLANCE



Find all the words to do with self-control in the word search puzzle:

S	R	G	Y	L	J	P	I	V	V	U	D	M	P	R
S	P	X	N	E	E	M	T	A	B	W	T	B	R	G
E	R	T	T	X	G	Y	M	E	I	L	P	L	E	S
N	U	Z	E	S	I	C	R	E	X	E	V	T	P	M
T	I	R	C	O	N	T	R	O	L	N	W	W	A	R
C	S	D	M	V	J	L	W	F	Z	I	X	E	R	H
I	D	R	K	J	K	P	P	W	L	F	U	K	E	R
R	U	I	O	R	D	E	R	L	I	N	E	S	S	T
T	Y	L	Q	Z	K	P	P	A	H	D	Z	N	F	B
S	J	L	E	T	Y	O	A	A	C	U	M	U	R	R
Z	I	X	K	V	W	L	Y	D	U	T	V	R	Z	U
P	R	I	B	E	Z	N	M	W	B	P	I	N	X	C
D	M	Z	R	Y	T	S	V	O	O	P	M	C	Z	P
O	T	N	E	M	P	O	L	E	V	E	D	G	E	D
Q	U	L	A	N	Q	T	C	X	E	I	J	V	B	T

CONTROL  
DEVELOPMENT  
PRACTICE  
PREPARE  
CURB  
DRILL  
EXERCISE  
ORDERLINESS  
STRICTNESS  
WILLPOWER

Look up the famous scripture 2 Peter 1:5-7 in the NIV translation.

Fill in the important words surrounding SELF-CONTROL to see how to become a great person:

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your  
 \_\_\_\_\_ goodness; and to \_\_\_\_\_, knowledge; and to  
 \_\_\_\_\_, self-control; and to self-control,  
 \_\_\_\_\_; and to perseverance,  
 \_\_\_\_\_; and to godliness, mutual  
 \_\_\_\_\_;  
 and to mutual affection, \_\_\_\_\_.